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From: William T Fujioka  
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Director of Parks and Recreation

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## **NORTHWEST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY - TRAIL PLAN**

On January 27, 2009, the Board directed the Chief Executive Officer in conjunction with the Director of Parks and Recreation to establish a committee within 30 days, composed of trail users, equestrians, and property-owners to study the trail corridors in and around the northwest San Fernando Valley, and to update the County's Plan of multiuse trails for the region.

In response to this direction, the Chief Executive Office (CEO) and the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) have developed the following approach for a multiuse trail plan (Plan) for the Northwest San Fernando Valley.

### **Partnerships and Opportunities**

On February 10, 2009, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) met with the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department (City), to gain their support and participation in a joint process to develop a Plan for the Northwest San Fernando Valley covering territory in both the City and unincorporated area in the County of Los Angeles (County).

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The City is committed to working in collaboration with the County and has committed to allocating funding resources for their portion of the Plan. The Department of Parks and Recreation will also contact other government agencies including the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, California State Parks, and the National Parks Service to request their involvement in the planning process.

### **Approach**

In an effort to move the planning effort forward in a timely manner that engages multiuse trail advocates and users, as well as property owners, developers and community members, DPR is recommending utilizing consultant services for the Plan development and environmental review. The City has agreed to partner with the County on this approach.

### **Funding Commitment**

- The Fifth District has agreed to fund \$500,000 for consultant services from the Deer Lake Community Benefit Fund for the County's portion of the Plan.
- The City has agreed to fund their portion of the Plan from the City's Proposition "K" Funds.

### **Next Steps**

The CEO and DPR will initiate the following tasks:

- By April 2009, DPR will convene an initial meeting with community members comprised of trail advocates and users, property owners, and developers to inform them of the Plan process and approach.
- By June 2009, DPR will convene a series of meetings with the City to develop a scope of work and timeline for the consultant services.
- Upon Fifth District review of the scope of work, DPR and the City will solicit cost estimates for the County and City portions of the Plan, which will include, but not be limited to an outreach process, preferred trail alignments, gap analysis, trail capital outlay plan, trail development standards, and environmental documents.

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The Department of Parks and Recreation will be reporting to your Board on a quarterly basis to ensure you are kept informed of the progress of this Plan's development. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Norma E. Garcia, Deputy Director of the Planning and Development Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation at (213) 351-5198, or via e-mail at [negarcia@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:negarcia@parks.lacounty.gov).

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